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Inventor: Joseph A. Zupanick et al.

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SURFACE PRODUCTION OF GAS  
FROM A SUBTERRANEAN ZONE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.213(a), Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified patent application not be published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b). Applicants hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the above-identified application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

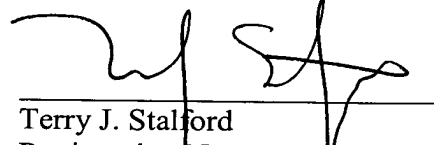
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- (2) 4 pages of unsigned Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
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- (4) 1 page Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail;
- (5) 1 page unsigned Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.9(f) & 1.27(c))—Small Business Concern;
- (6) Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i); and
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<b>NONPUBLICATION REQUEST UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)</b>	First Named Inventor <b>Joseph A. Zupanick et al.</b>	
	Title	<b>METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SURFACE PRODUCTION OF GAS FROM A SUBTERRANEAN ZONE</b>
	Atty Docket Number	<b>067083.0161</b>

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